## CITY OF SEABROOK RESOLUTION 2016-07

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEABROOK, TEXAS, SUPPORTING ACTION TO PURSUE STATE OF TEXAS AND FEDERAL RESTORE ACT GRANTS FOR RELOCATION AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE CITY OF SEABROOK WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT INCLUDING A REGIONALIZATION FEASIBILITY STUDY; AND SETTING FORTH OTHER PROVISIONS RELATED THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City of Seabrook, Texas (the "City"), is a municipal corporation that provides a full-range of governmental services to its citizens, and the City owns and operates water production and distribution facilities and wastewater collection and treatment facilities and provides other municipal services; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has a wastewater plant near the shore line to Galveston Bay that is susceptible to subsidence, flooding, debris damage and high winds in weather events common to our area; and

**WHEREAS,** in 2008, the City was hit by Hurricane lke and the plant and other infrastructure was compromised and left the City without sewer service for almost a week before essential repairs could be made and deemed safe for the public; and

**WHEREAS,** the Seabrook Wastewater Plant infrastructure, if compromised, could damage personal property, be harmful to public health and safety, and leave the surrounding fish, wildlife and natural resources at risk; and

**WHEREAS**, the City does not have a backup to the plant and is completely vulnerable if major long term repairs are required; therefore, the City maintains the relocation of the plant on the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for future opportunities of mitigation funding; and

**WHEREAS**, the current Seabrook Wastewater Plant serves both City of Seabrook and City of Pasadena residents with adequate capacity now and for projected growth for at least the next 15 years; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Seabrook purchased a seven acre site for a new wastewater plant north of Red Bluff Road and out of a flood zone to prepare for the relocation of the plant; and

**WHEREAS**, a wastewater package plant could incrementally phase in the relocation of the Seabrook Wastewater Plant during a multi-year project; and

WHEREAS, a new wastewater plant on the north could serve multiple municipalities and the Port of Houston with added capacity after full build out and use gray water for irrigation purposes; and

WHEREAS, the RESTORE Act presents Texans with an unprecedented opportunity to make a significant investment in protecting, restoring and sustaining the Texas coast for future generations;

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The City Council of the City of Seabrook fully endorses and supports every opportunity provided by the RESTORE Act to secure funding for projects that will protect and restore our coast against further environmental and economic damage while also extending new learning opportunities to future generations.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Seabrook this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016.

ATTEST:

Robin Hicks, TRMC

City Secretary